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## **AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Patent Office Action dated November 18, 2002, please enter the following in the above-identified patent application:

## **REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated November 18, 2002, claims 1-56 were examined with the result that all claims were rejected. In response, Applicant submits the following remarks. In view of these remarks, reconsideration of this application is requested.

In paragraphs 1-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-56 under the Doctrine of Obviousness Type Double Patenting. However, before dealing with the double patent rejections, Applicant would like to turn to paragraphs 4-6 of the Office Action where the Examiner rejected the claims under 35 USC §103(a). Applicant will return to the double patenting rejections after discussing the obviousness rejections.





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